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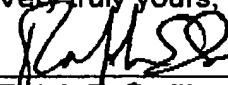
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Status Inquiry as no Official Action has been received for this application filed on December 18, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner in charge of this application to contact the undersigned with the status.

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